GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3550
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ANIMAL PARK
DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Zoo Authority have issued any notice to Dr. Prakash Amte for running an animal park and orphanage as zoo;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Department has reviewed its decision; and

(d) if so the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JU DEV)

(a) & (b) Central Zoo Authority (CZA) had refused recognition to Dr. Prakash Amte`s animal park and orphanage on 20-5-1997 as the housing and upkeep of animals did not conform to the norms prescribed under the `Recognition of Zoo Rules`. Consequently, notice was issued by the Deputy Wildlife Warden, Bhamaragarh (Maharashtra) to Dr. Prakash Amte to hand over the animals to Forest Department.

(c) & (d) CZA in its meeting held on 4-12-2002 has decided to reconsider all cases of derecognized zoos for their possible revival and re-recognition. Pursuant to this decision, CWLW, Maharashtra has already been requested by the CZA vide its letter dated 6-2-2003 to review cases of derecognized zoos in the state, including Dr. Amte`s Orphanage.